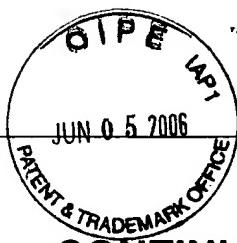


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<i>Application Number</i>	09/890,113
<i>Filing Date</i>	January 7, 2002
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Ulrich Braun
<i>Art Unit</i>	3751
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Fetsuga, Robert M.
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	VOSS1170

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on November 3, 2005.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Preliminary Amendment (12 pages) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other Transmittal Sheet; 5-month Petition for Extension of Time; Return Receipt Postcard

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-1896.

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<u>ii.</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)	<u>01 FC:2801</u>		<u>395.00 OP</u>
<u>iii.</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
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